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INDIANA FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE OF CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR MEDICAID PAYMENT OF MEDICARE CROSSOVER CLAIMS

In accordance with public notice requirements of section 42 CFR 447.205 and Section 1902(a)(13)(A) of the Social Security Act, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) publishes this notice of proposed revisions to the crossover claim reimbursement methodology.

Beginning July 1, 2002, OMPP will begin reimbursing crossover claims filed by Medicare Part A hospital and non-nursing facility Medicare Part B providers so that total reimbursement does not exceed the Medicaid allowable rate. Claims filed by nursing facility providers are already paid under this methodology. With this change, all Medicaid providers filing crossover claims will be paid under the same methodology. A crossover claim is a claim filed on behalf of a Medicare beneficiary who is also eligible for Medicaid. Initially, the medical provider files the claim with the Medicare fiscal intermediary. The fiscal intermediary processes the claim and pays the portion of the claim for which Medicare is responsible. The claim is forwarded by the fiscal intermediary "crossing over" to the State Medicaid agency for processing. Under current requirements, Medicaid is responsible for payment of Medicare deductibles and coinsurance for certain beneficiaries.

This change is being made as a cost containment initiative to assist in covering the increasing costs of the Indiana Medicaid program. It is estimated that the fiscal impact of this change will be a reduction in expenditures of approximately \$50 million per year combined state and federal dollars.

Copies of this public notice will be available on and after June 1, 2002, by contacting the Director of the local County Division of Family and Children office, except in Marion County where inspection may be made at 402 West Washington Street, Room W382. Medicaid per diem rates will not be affected by this change. Written comments concerning this change may be directed to IFSSA, Attention: Wanda Williams, 402 West Washington Street, Room W382, MS-07, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204.

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